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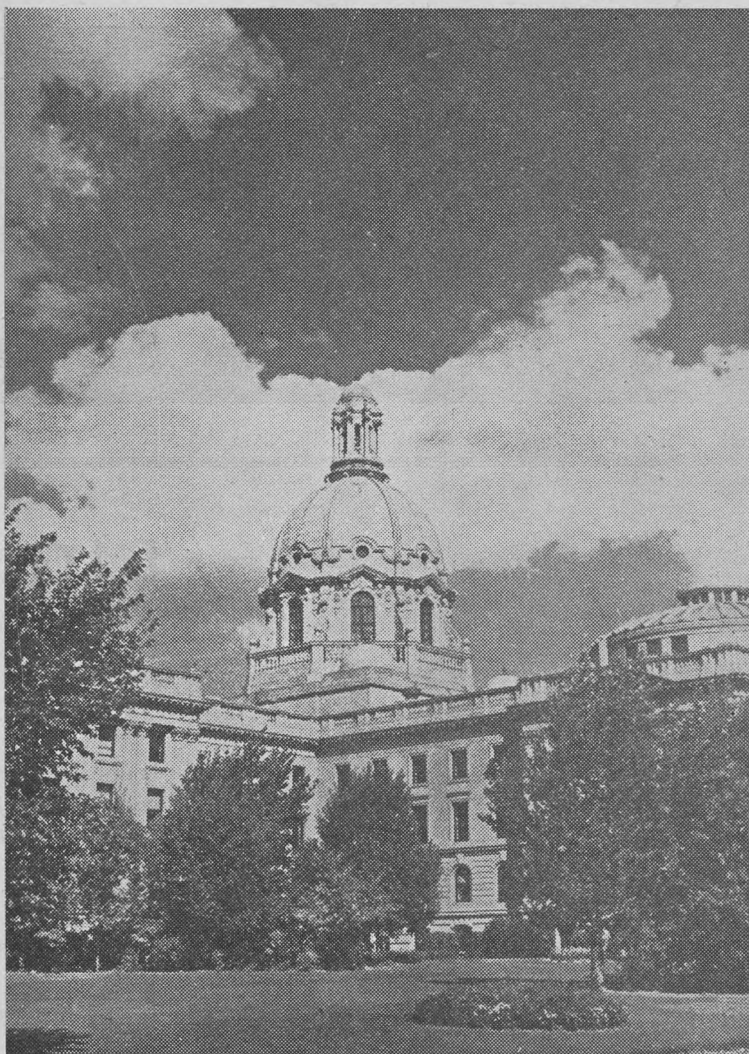
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The Rev. L. A. C. Smith
Newly Appointed Western Field Secretary
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We have been wondering who was to lead our Christian Educational Programme in the Western Dioceses. The news has just been released that the Rev. L. A. C. Smith has undertaken the work. He is known to our young people. Last summer he came to the Summer School at Kapasiwin. His appointment will give great satisfaction throughout the diocese and the west.

The new Secretary comes from Trail, B.C., where he has served his Church and community well as District Commissioner of Scouts, member of the Council of the Board of Trade, member of Rotary Club, Chaplain to the Canadian Legion and as a member of the Citizen Rehabilitation Committee. All of these community services he tied in with his chief work as a Christian pastor.

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**Christmastide
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The sacred nature of Christmastide received more emphasis in Edmonton this season than at almost any previous time in the city's history. Never were churches so crowded, both for the Sunday and special Christmas services, and never were worshippers apparently more devout.

There were large numbers of communicants at all celebrations of the Holy Communion on the 24th.

Special midnight celebrations were held in All Saints' Cathedral, Christ Church, Holy Trinity, St. Stephen's and St. Faith's, where many hundreds were communicated.

All services on Christmas Day were thronged and special seasonal music was featured at each.

Two celebrations took place at the Cathedral at 8:30 and 12:15 while matins were sung at 11:00, when the choir rendered Gounod's "O Sing to God" and Handel's "Hallelujah Chorus."

Christ Church held a children's Christmas service at 2:30 on Sunday, a carol service at 7:30 p.m. and a family service at 11:00 on Christmas Day.

Holy Communion was celebrated at Holy Trinity at 8:30 and 12:00 noon Christmas Day.

Carols were sung at 11:00 on Sunday at St. Faith's and there was a children's service at 12:30.



Transportation Mutual Help

The 1944 Synod took a most important step when it agreed that the Budget be increased by \$3,000.00 to provide for travelling costs of its clergy and asked the Bishop to appoint a committee to make this effective.

The matter is being carefully studied and an interim plan for 1945 has been worked out. Each parish is being asked for a small minimum monthly contribution to cover gas and oil at least. Letters have been sent out to clergy and wardens who are to arrange the parish support at the annual congregational meetings.

This is the 1945 phase of the Advance Programme. Synod is confident that congregations will back this proposal with enthusiasm and energy.

It is hoped that many parishes will set for themselves a higher objective than has been suggested in the letter.

The strong parish will help the weak. City parishes will help those out of the city.

If a parish is to prosper the clergyman must be enabled to be in the homes of the people and to be present to give leadership to all parish groups.

In some cases receipted bills held in the Synod Office show running costs well over thirty dollars per month.



**Prayer For
Christian
Unity**

For ninety-eight years without a break Christians in all lands have observed a week of prayer during the first full week in January. This year the dates are January 7th to January 14th (inclusive). The third week in January has been designated the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. The interests and aspirations of both these special weeks can be effectively combined in one, and in harmony with the recommendation of the Continuation Committee of the World Conference on Faith and Order this is suggested by the Department of Evangelism of the Canadian Council of Churches. This Week of Prayer may be observed in the first week of January (January 7-14, 1945) where customary or convenient and otherwise in the third week of January (January 21-28).

Clergy throughout the diocese are urged to make plans for a week of prayer either in their own churches or in co-operation with other communions within their areas.



**News of Our
Chaplains
Overseas**

We are in touch with our chaplains overseas. During the Christmas season we have heard from the Rev. C. E. F. Wolff, the Rev. Cyril Clarke, the Rev. W. Harrison (who was ordained for the Bishop in England). News has come through of a painful accident suffered by the Rev. N. J. Godkin but we are glad to report that he has recovered and is back at his station.

The following extracts from letters will prove of interest:

"At the moment I am sitting by a cozy fire in a little farm cottage somewhere in Holland. I had always pictured this country as a land of dykes and

canals. Perhaps there were dykes in peace time but just now there are no dykes, in fact precious little of anything but water on all sides and it never stops coming down."

"I am sure you would have enjoyed some of the services we've had lately in the regiment. On two occasions we were able to use a Dutch Reformed Church. At both services civilians attended decked out in the picturesque national dress. I don't think they altogether approved of my robes but they joined heartily in the service and sang our hymns with the men. Last Sunday we were reduced to using a 'pub' for our service. It served the purpose well. Most of the men stayed afterward for a sing-song. We sang everything in the book."

"We have discovered that religion played a great part in welding the people together against their oppressors in the days of occupation."

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The Bishop and Itinerating Priest Visit Clandonald Mission and Rife Area

By The REV. A. E. W. GODWIN

A story of winter travel can now be told. In company with the Travelling Priest the Bishop visited the Clandonald Mission on Sunday, December 12. The highlight of the visit was the Confirmation of five young people at St. Mary's Church, Clandonald. At Irwinville during the morning Holy Communion Service, Malcolm Kent received H. V. Morton's book "In the Footsteps of St. Paul" from the Lord Bishop, a first prize for Sunday School work.

Monday morning found the Itinerating Priest at the Altar, when the new communicants made their first communion. When we came out of Church we found that the automobile had lost all its motor-oil, and there lay the precious fuel on the winter snow.

There's a story behind this but we will not tell it here. Suffice it is to say, the oil-pan was damaged during the summer, when the Bishop plowed the mud to Grand Centre—the repairs had given way; good workmanship at Clandonald had the car back on the road the same day.

On Saturday, December 16 we set out again for Ashmont, Beaver River, Rife, Glendon and Grand Centre. A final

confirmation class was held in Rife on Saturday evening. One candidate came eighteen miles from Bonnyville to attend the service next morning. St. John the Baptist, Rife, was the scene of a threefold service on the morning of December 17—first, the baptism of the son of Mr. and Mrs. Lewis of Gurneyville, then the presentation of six persons for Confirmation, one of whom is now in Victoria, B.C. about to be married.

We would like to say, "God bless you Regine Haland" and every happiness to bride and groom. The Christmas Communion was celebrated, the new candidates making their first communion. Glendon and Ashmont were visited in the afternoon and evening. We congratulate Miss Grundy, our faithful churchworker for a very beautiful Christmas Tableau presented at the close of the evening service.

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Monday, December 19, we followed a snowy trail to Beaver River, which we made without mishap. We are now back in the days of the early Church, "The Church that is in thine house." There, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Galway, with all our faithful friends, we sang the Eucharist of Christmas, and God seemed very near us there.

We know that our host would have added the necessary tone and quality to our choral efforts had he been able. We want him to know that our prayers are ever with him, in his long yet exemplary convalescence.

We are reminded that the "Lord of Glory" should be welcome in every home at Christmas as He surely was at Beaver River.

On Tuesday, and Wednesday, we had a happy visit at Rife and Bonnyville and we would like to thank our friends for their unfailing kindness. We arrived at Grand Centre on Thursday morning and in the course of the day the Holy Eucharist was celebrated, Confirmation administered and Evensong held. A Christmas party is always held at Grand Centre and we were privileged to take a part in this happy event. The Church building shows evidence of a peoples' faithfulness and bids fair to be one of the best in this Diocese.

At 4:00 P.M. we began the long journey back, along icy treacherous roads and made Edmonton by 1:25 A.M. Friday. It has been a joy once again to carry the Word and Sacraments to the faithful in the rural missions.

Holy Trinity Church Consecrated

Early in December the congregation of Holy Trinity were delighted to learn that the sum required for the redemption of the mortgage had been subscribed in full.

The Church was completed in 1913, and the reduction of the mortgage, and interest payments have been a major expense each year.

At the beginning of 1944 the amount outstanding was \$4,200, and it was decided that an effort on the part of the whole congregation should be made to retire the debt completely by the end of the year. This has now been done, and the final figures show the fund to be substantially oversubscribed.

A Service of Consecration and Thanksgiving was held on Sunday, January 7th. In the course of his sermon the Bishop spoke of the danger which faced any congregation immediately upon the conclusion of a major objective. He urged the congregation to continue to "Go Active" and thus avoid any likelihood of a slackening in their efforts.

The Choir sang the anthem, "O Clap Your Hands" (Stainer) and the "Hallelujah Chorus" (Handel).

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University of Alberta Christian Mission

Following on the most successful Mission to the University of Alberta last January, another University Christian Mission has been arranged, and will be held at the end of January.

A Students' Service will be held in St. Stephen's Assembly Hall at 7:30 P.M., on Sunday, January 28th, when the missionary team will be first introduced.

On Monday, January 29th, lectures will be cancelled at 11 A.M. so that all students can attend the meetings in the Medical Theatres. There will also be meetings held on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday evenings in one of the Medical Theatres commencing at 7:30 P.M.

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CALENDAR January, 1945

- 1 Circumcision of our Lord.
- 6 Epiphany of our Lord.
- 3 FIRST SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY.
- 13 Hilary, Bishop of Poitiers and Confessor, circ. 368.
- 14 SECOND SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY.
- 21 THIRD SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY.
- 22 Vincent, Spanish Deacon and Martyr, 304.
- 25 Conversion of St. Paul.
- 26 Polycarp, Bishop of Smyrna, Martyr, 155.
- 27 John Chrysostom, Bishop of Constantinople, Doctor, 407.
- 28 SEPTUAGESIMA.



February, 1945

- 1st—Ignatius, Bishop of Antioch, Martyr, circ. 100.
- 2nd—Purification of the Blessed Virgin Mary.
- 4th—SEXAGESIMA.
- 11th—QUINQUAGESIMA.
- 14th—Valentine, Bishop and Martyr, 270.
- 18th—1st SUNDAY IN LENT.
- 24th—St. Matthias, Apostle and Martyr.
- 25th—2nd SUNDAY IN LENT.

Elizabeth House is Designed to Shelter Elderly Ladies of Very Limited Means

Recognizing the urgent necessity for some institution in Edmonton designed for the use of elderly ladies of limited means in need of a home, the Bishop and Executive Committee have endorsed the project known as Elizabeth House.

The problem of the aged, particularly in relation to their home life in their declining years, has always been a matter of serious concern to the Church of England. In any new country, such as Canada, there is a tendency on the part

of every family to disintegrate as children grow up and move, as the custom frequently is, to other communities.

This practice leaves many elderly ladies, not necessarily destitute, but in straightened circumstances under which they are not able to provide themselves with that home life which is a Christian necessity.

That this is an unusually prevalent condition in Edmonton is shown in the fact that the Edmonton Council of Social Agencies has set up a committee to study the problems of the aged and report. To this committee the Bishop has appointed Mrs. E. S. Ottley to represent the Church of England.

Elizabeth House is the conception of Mrs. Philip Debney who has organized the project and made a substantial financial contribution towards its establishment. She and her associates have raised a considerable sum of money during the past year and the latest venture along this line was a benefit tea and sale of work at See House, kindly loaned by the Bishop and Mrs. Barfoot, where a sum of some \$600 was realized.

It is proposed that Elizabeth House should be operated by the Sisters of St. John the Divine who will care for the residents and provide the essential Christian background for the home.

A site will shortly be chosen and operations, it is hoped, will begin as early as possible.

Elizabeth House will be open to elderly ladies of any Christian communion, but first preference will be given to applicants who are members of the Church of England.

Contributions may be made to Mrs. Philip Debney or to the Sisters.



Anglican S. S. Teachers Meet at Trinity

The first meeting of the New Year was held on Tuesday, January 2nd, at Holy Trinity, commencing with a service in the Chapel.

The three preparatory classes were held, conducted by the Rev. R. S. Faulks, Miss E. Merryweather and Mrs. Harris. The Teacher Training Class was under the leadership of the Ven. S. F. Tackaberry.

After the classes had been held, moving pictures, the first of a series, were shown. These pictures, originally prepared under the direction of Cecil B de Mille, were taken when "The King of Kings" was produced, but were not included in that

masterpiece. They are interesting background to the New Testament story, and one reel will be shown at each of the monthly meetings.



The Rev. H. G. Watts

The Rev. H. G. Watts, Field Secretary M.S.C.C., who spent a month in the diocese, stirred up missionary enthusiasm at the many places he visited. At Edgerton the congregation "listened very attentively to his absorbingly interesting address." At Tofield his visit "will long be remembered." What a privilege to be able to hear such an outstanding missionary. After his address to the teachers and pupils at the school one scholar said, "I found Mr. Watts so interesting this afternoon that I decided to come again tonight." And so the reports come in from all over the diocese. At the closing meeting of the inter-Church Missionary Conference, Mr. Watts stirred a large audience to deeper consecration to the world mission of the Church. His talks to the University students so inspired them that they have asked him to return for a Student Mission in the near future. Prior to the war Mr. Watts was engaged in newspaper evangelism in Japan. Thank you Mr. Watts.

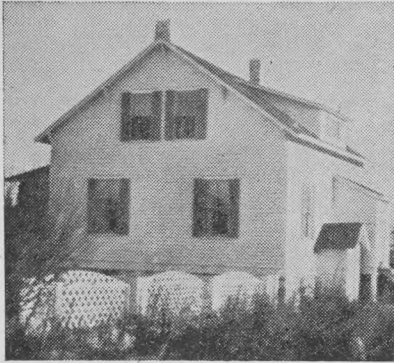
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Improvements in Vicarages



New Tofield Vicarage

The parish of Tofield has bought a new vicarage (shown above). It is a fully modern house set in attractive grounds. The Revolving Rectory Fund Committee made a loan to help the parish finance the undertaking.

The congregation looks forward to the day when a priest and his family will come to enjoy the comfort and convenience of their vicarage. Here is a "new deal" for a rural priest and his family. Meanwhile the people are working hard to repay the loan. Congratulations to the people of Tofield!

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Moved to New Foundation

The Rectory at Fort Saskatchewan has been reclaimed from the municipality, moved on to a new foundation, completely renovated and will be ready for occupation by the end of January. We should be grateful to the builders of an earlier day for the sound workmanship and fine material they put into this house.

The congregations of the three centres with a loan from the Rectory Fund have undertaken and will complete this project. It is confidently expected that a parish priest will take up residence there in the spring or early summer.

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Westlock, Clyde, Sunnybank

For some years the vicar of Westlock and district has lived in the Barrhead vicarage although it is not in the geographical centre of his parish. This year the people of Westlock decided to finish

their own vicarage—begun some years ago and left in a half-finished state. The work which had already been done was sound and upon that foundation a fine new Rectory has been completed. The parish borrowed \$1,600 from the Revolving Rectory Fund. Westlock, Clyde and Sunnybank have all rallied to the task.

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Rectory Fund Helpful

Besides these major undertakings the Rectory Fund has been the source of inspiration to parishioners in several centres to undertake much needed improvements.

In Mayerthorpe funds were raised for insulating the vicarage. In Vermilion improvements include installation of gas in the vicarage. The Jasper vicarage has been insulated. In Manville there is now a bathroom and an additional bedroom. In most instances the amounts raised in the parish and spent on these projects were much in excess of the loans from the Fund.

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Paganism Is Active in World

"The enmity between first cousins is the hardest to eradicate." 'I first heard this South Indian proverb,' says the President of Cheshunt College, "from the lips of Azariah, Bishop of Dornakal, at the Edinburgh Conference four years ago, when he was making an impassioned appeal for Christian unity. . . . Our unhappy divisions present us all with an issue which is even more urgent than it was four years ago, when that speech of Bishop Azariah described the Church in India as 'face to face with giant non-Christian forces.' He might have been making a prophetic comment on our own immediate situation; for we see the Christian Church everywhere fighting for its very life against secularism and downright paganism. . . . While the Churches are cautiously manoeuvring for their new approach to the old and now urgent problem of religious education in the schools of the nation, powerful and frankly irreligious forces threaten all such education with total abolition. In short we are confronted with a new religious situation in England; one which has had no parallel here for several centuries."

Bishop Plans New Centre

London—The Rt. Rev. Henry A. Wilson, Anglican Bishop of Chelmsford, has taken the initiative in plans for a national centre for British-Soviet activities to be known as Friendship House. Dr. Wilson is president of the National Council for British-Soviet Unity.

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Strength of The Hills Is His

By F. J. RAE

My Lord is on the hills of Galilee,

A boy at play;

The sun smiles on Him, and the upland breeze,

Sportive and gay,

Makes mischief in His curls: flowers tip-toe up

To catch His smile,

And all the singing birds with raptured trills

His ear beguile.

My Lord is on the hills, the silent hills,

A man at prayer:

Night folds Him closely in her guardian cloak,

And the still air

Lets the compassionate and tender stars

Draw near and near

While all creation muffles down her groan
His plea to hear.

My Lord is on the hill of Calvary,

A man divine,

Who, lifted up on a crabbed tree unkind,
By that same sign

Makes it the highest hill in the wide world,
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Woman's Auxiliary



W.A. Aims to Link Girl Guides Closely to Girls' Auxiliary and to Work of Church

The year 1945 begins on a note of thankfulness from W.A. members who, for thirty years, in this diocese have been endeavoring to promote systematic youth work along the division of Little Helpers, Juniors, 'Teen-age Girls and Young Women.

This work, for convenience, naturally falls into two sections—(1) work with the little tots and their mothers, linked up with promotion work amongst Junior girls and boys from 7 to 13 years; (2) more advanced work with adolescent girls and, later, further extension to late 'teens and early twenties, or what is termed young women's work.

For some time past, especially during these five war years there has been a steady falling off in membership between the Junior and 'Teen-age groups. But this may always happen unless there is a Sunday School in every centre, however small, and teachers who realize that the girl or boy at Sunday School must have the opportunity of follow-up activity during the week. The Sunday School is the only source of membership of childrens' and girls' groups, if the church's policy of extension is to be followed.



The following is a quotation from page 206 (c), General Synod Report, 1943:

"As the great bulk of our work amongst Anglican Girls is done through the Girls' Auxiliary and the Girl Guides, every effort is made to relate these two organizations and to link the Guide Companies as closely as possible to the Church. To this end a basis of affiliation has been provided. Within the past year, also, the Girl Guide Association has issued a splendid booklet entitled—"Guiding and the Church," which gives many suggestions as to how to relate the Guide Programme to the Church's Programme."

The W.A. Board of this diocese has tried to follow the policy set forth by the General Synod of our Church. At present no Guide Company is affiliated with our work. More than a year ago, a pamphlet entitled, "Suggestions for Girl Guides and Girls' Auxiliaries" was issued to such

groups desiring to combine their former Girl Guide programme with the Church's programme.



Here, the Juniors and 'Teen-age Girls have clear-cut programmes and characteristic uniforms. St. Andrew's day has been selected for enrolment. The prospective member, called a recruit, must have four weeks' regular attendance and must know the W.A. prayer, the Promise, and the Pledge, before she is enrolled as a member of a group. At the admission service she is presented with Membership Card and arm-band.

Following this initial ceremony, the members of a group begin definite, systematic activities suited to their ages. The year's programme is arranged to centre around the system of stripes, badges, and chevrons, which carry the girl with interest through the years of her age-group. The culmination of the year's programme is the Annual Girls' Festival. The 1945 Festival outline will be inserted in a later issue of this magazine. This year, provision of entries has been made so that groups, who live too far from the centre of the diocese, may compete for the cup. A third challenge cup has been donated for such groups.



Leakage between the membership of Girls' Groups and Senior branches has long been a matter of concern to this Board. But the Diocesan W.A. approaches 1945 with a great deal of optimism for already ten Young Women's Groups are in operation. In this way, young women in this diocese and in neighboring dioceses, who might have been considered "out" are proving themselves keen members of evening groups. Already leaders are forthcoming from these groups in Little Helpers' organizations, in Hospital visiting and in Educational work. Words are poor vehicles to convey our gratitude for this small accomplishment in the thirtieth year of our diocesan organization.

In addition, one might say, that as the Diocesan President visited several outside groups during 1943, she found in every branch, half or more of the so-called senior membership consisted of younger women. Perhaps this may account for the surmounting of a long-standing membership difficulty; at last

the senior membership has gone over the thousand mark. The future beckons to all church women and girls to give attention to the church's programme of extension so that "the holy church throughout all the world" may have a meaning to every baptized woman, young or old, throughout the diocese.



Diocesan W.A. Notices

The first meeting of the Diocesan W.A. Board will be held on Friday, February 2nd at Christ Church.



The Anglican Girls' Council will meet on Friday, January 26th, at St. Faith's.



The World Day of Prayer will be held on the first Friday in Lent, February 16th. The Anglicans will convene this year's arrangements.



The Diocesan W.A. President and members of the Executive send loving greetings to every member of every branch for 1945, adding the hope that the prayer which all have used during the past five years will be fulfilled:

"Give peace for all time, O God, and put into my heart and the hearts of all men everywhere the spirit of the Lord Jesus Christ."

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Scouting and Church Work Taken Together Develop Character Along Christian Lines ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★

By THE REV. W. W. BUXTON

This article is written in the hope that a programme for boys may become a part of the life of every parish. It is written in the belief that Scouting is the best programme that can be offered, when the leadership is by a Christian man, and when Scouting and church work hand in hand aid in the development, not of a boy's character alone but rather of a boy's Christian character.

There was a time when the Scout Movement was regarded as an organization separate and distinct from the church. As a matter of fact, Scouting is not in the ordinary sense an organization, it is a movement which can certainly work in harmony with a church's programme.

That Scouting is fundamentally religious has repeatedly been emphasized by its founder, Lord Baden-Powell. The first promise of every Scout is to "do his best to do his duty to God."

Proof that the movement has been found spiritually sound is given by the steady growth of Scouting as a church activity in Canada (as in other countries). Today the majority of our Scout units are church groups. We are not hesitant in recommending the Scout movement as the avenue for your boy's work.

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Scouting can be very valuable to your parish church for it has a great value in holding the boy to his church when he has reached the age of 13 or 14 years. It holds a boy because it gives him the chance to interpret and express Christianity by "action." He soon sees that this expression is manly, that it takes strength of character. He no longer is plagued with the thought that to express a Christian life somehow marks him as a "sissy"—he sees the opposite is rather the truth for no real Scout is ever a "sissy."

The Scouting programme can help your boys from eight years old onward. Cubbing starts a boy at eight until twelve he "goes up to Scouts" and at 17 he goes into Rovering.

Scouting is a virile, ever looking forward programme. It has behind it a



long line of experience, it has the aim of making first class men and, we are certainly going to need these men in our post-war years. As parents we must do all in our power to prepare the coming generation, for they will have to be great to help correct the errors of these past years.

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Let me tell you how to form your Cubs and Scouts. The first necessity is a man who likes boys and is willing to be their leader. The man does not necessarily have to know scouting. He must, however, be prepared to learn.

The new leader can easily study and keep ahead of his boys. He will find it pays great dividends for these young fellows have a wonderful way of showing their thanks.

Be sure to form the parents into a helping group as well as the boys. They can be of great help in assisting from time to time. The movement must have the co-operation of the home. The Parents' Association should have a chairman, secretary and treasurer. They can advise the scoutmaster. They can raise funds for camp and equipment, put on entertainments, etc., and give the boys a big boost.

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There are three possible kinds of troops: open, closed and controlled. An open troop takes any boys recommended. The closed troop only takes the boys of the sponsoring body, i.e., Anglicans or United Church, etc., whatever the sponsoring body may be. The controlled troop takes any boy recommended. The difference between the open and controlled troop is, that while both take any

boy recommended regardless of creed or colour, the controlled troop must always have a majority of people from the sponsoring body on the Group Committee.

The Group Committee is a body elected or appointed which has the final say in all policy. I would recommend the controlled troop. I would advise that in Churches going into Scouts that they have in their constitution a clause which states that the priest always be the chairman with the right of appointing one other member and that the chairman of the parents' association be the third member of the Group Committee. Thus while all parents may belong to the Parents' Association and all boys to the Scouting movement yet the church maintains control of activities by virtue of its majority vote. The church should always use this power wisely.

May I say that the Bishop is desirous of giving you all the help possible, so please write to the Synod Office for help and advice if you plan to organize "Scouts" in your parish.

(To be continued)

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Out of the Deep

Last year a packet came through the mail. It was somewhat battered, the stamps had gone, and it had a faint odour of salt water. Upon examination, we discovered that it had been in the sea, quite probably in the hold of a torpedoed ship. This package was one of many consignments of Bible Reading Fellowship Notes that come to the Diocesan Secretary at Wainwright, Alberta. Write for particulars of the Fellowship to Rev. L. A. Bralant, Wainwright.

Rural Deanery of Edmonton

ALL SAINTS' CATHEDRAL

REV. CANON A. M. TRENDALL
REV. W. W. BUXTON

Never has the Church looked more beautiful in her Christmas decorations than she did this year, and thanks are due to all those who made this possible.

Although Sunday and Christmas Day came so close together it made little difference to the congregations and the services on Sunday and Christmas Day were well attended. Some of the Sunday evening congregation stayed behind in the Parish Hall until the Midnight Eucharist and we sang Carols and were given light refreshment by the A.Y.P.A.

The Midnight Eucharist was a very beautiful service. The Church was full to capacity and several had unfortunately to be turned away. One of the most pleasing memories was the sight of some 15 members of the C.W.A.C.S. coming together into the Church and staying reverently throughout the service. The thought of the Christ Child, and the general feeling of good-will combined with the very lovely music, and the first Communion of Christmas Day, made the service one of the most outstanding experiences of a life time.

One of the busiest men of All Saints' congregation during the past week has been Mr. Vernon Barford. In eight days he has been responsible for three week-day Radio Broadcasts, and two days of Church Services. When we consider that in addition to this there have been all the rehearsals necessary for these programmes and services we can well imagine that he could not have had much spare time. We don't know if he is trying to show us that like the famous Johnnie Walker he is still going strong, but at the end of this week he will have completed 45 years continuous service as Organist at All Saints'. So we take space in this news to congratulate him, and to thank him for the excellent work he has done with the Boys' Choir, the Girls' Choir and the main Cathedral Choir.

CHRIST CHURCH

REV. E. S. OTTLEY

The Annual Bazaar of Christ Church W.W., held in the Parish Hall on Friday, December 1st, was a huge success. Engaged in the Bazaar were all the women's and girls' groups of the Church, and the total realized from their efforts reached nearly \$500. This was not the chief direction of its success; we were most gratified by the general support given by the members of our own congregation. The indirect contacts thus made by our own people with one another serve greatly to produce the sense of fellowship among our members.

Our Christmas Parties for the children are now over. The Beginners' Department, numbering 60 children, together with some 30 parents met in the hall on December 15th, for their Annual Party. A most delightful programme of group songs and carols, and individual performances by almost all of the children, followed by supper, gave both children and parents a happy time.

The Afternoon Sunday School met on the evening of December 22nd, for their Christmas Concert. Plays and carols by the various classes, and moving pictures, gave all present a very enjoyable time.

Christmas services were many and varied this year. On Sunday, December 24th, a Children's Christmas Service was held at 2:30 p.m. Christmas Carols were sung by both choir and congregation at the Carol Service on Sunday evening. Large congregations attended all services on Christmas Day. Our thanks are especially due to the choir, who attended so faithfully the many services.

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HOLY TRINITY

CANON W. M. NAINBY

Christmas

Thanks to the Sanctuary Guild, the Church never looked more Christmassy and beautiful than it did this Christmas. The services were exceptionally well attended, especially that on Christmas Eve.

Sunday Schools

The Primary School together with the children from the primary classes in our Garneau School held their Christmas party at the Church during the week before Christmas, when all enjoyed supper, games, and a gift from Santa Claus.

The Main School held their Christmas party on Thursday, December 28th, commencing with a supper at 6 p.m.

Annual Congregational Meeting

The annual congregational meeting is to be held on Wednesday, January 17th, 1945. We look for a large attendance, and hope to have printed copies of all reports available for distribution.

Envelopes

We would be glad to supply envelopes to any members of the congregation for their offertory in 1945.

Parish Guild

The Annual Meeting of the Parish Guild will take place early in the New Year at the home of Mrs. Percy Johnson, 10921 88th Avenue. At this meeting, the election of officers for 1945 will take place.

W.A.

At our Missionary Meeting which was held on December 12th, we had the pleasure of hearing Miss Elsa Daniels, who was introduced by Mrs. Bruce. Miss Daniels had spent several years in Korea, and her message was very inspiring and interesting. Following the meeting, tea was served, and a friendly discussion was enjoyed. It was decided to make this the final meeting of the year, but knitting will continue for the Active Service Group who will meet as usual until Christmas.

Mothers' Union

The December meeting was held at the home of Mrs. Kavanagh, when we were privileged to hear Miss Jackson of the Family Welfare Bureau, who gave us an insight into the work which is going on by the Agency, and particularly with regard to assisting men and women of the Armed Forces in the matter of rehabilitation. We enjoyed hearing Miss Jackson very much. Knitted garments were handed in for Social Service. The next meeting will take place on January 4th, at the home of Mrs. H. Cable, when election of officers will take place.

Young Women's Fellowship

At our meeting on December 6th, we voted another \$100.00 towards the mortgage fund. Our bazaar was a decided success. We wish to say "thank you" to all our friends who dropped in during the evening. Wednesday night, December 20th, we wound up our year's activities with a Christmas Party in the Church hall. Twenty-six members came and

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enjoyed an evening of games and carol singing followed by lunch. This was a particularly happy occasion, being the birthday of two of our members.

Choir

On Sunday evening, December 17th, the choir sang Christmas Carols and excerpts from "The Messiah." We were very glad to welcome several old members for this annual event. After the service, the choir members were hosts to their many friends—serving refreshments and renewing old acquaintances. We would like to appeal once again for new members this coming year, as we are looking forward to greater activities during 1945.

Holy Trinity Girls' Club

On December 1st, the Girls' Club co-operated with the Young Women's Fellowship and held a very successful bazaar. The girls extend their thanks to all who patronized this event. A donation was offered for the mortgage fund, but as the objective had already been reached, it has been applied to the Parish Hall fund. A donation towards Christmas Cheer was also given. On December 18th, a Christmas Party was held at the Rectory. A very pleasant time was spent at games and carol singing.

ST. FAITH'S

REV. L. M. WATTS

We begin and end this section with an invitation to the annual congregational meeting on Monday, January 22nd, at 8:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall. Formerly we have written chiefly about past events, but in this new venture we write of the future also. Our section in this monthly magazine is to take the place of our parish "Link." For us it will mean a more careful looking ahead in order that we may keep you posted about all of our special ventures.

The thought of our annual meeting is uppermost this month because at that we review the past year and make our plans for the future. Hitherto our annual meeting has not been well attended and there is every reason why you should be there. If you have any connection at all with St. Faith's, come out on January 22nd and get a picture of what your Church is doing, and lend your voice to what it hopes to do in 1945.

We have a thrilling story to tell for 1944. It has been a remarkable year, in fact, I am sure it is the outstanding year

in the history of St. Faith's. The financial report is good beyond our highest hopes. We plan for 1945 with so much to encourage us.

Looking back over the past month we record two very successful W.A. bazaars. We congratulate the members of both the Afternoon and Evening branches of the W.A. Bazaars mean a great deal of work for all the members, and a new sense of worthwhileness comes to us all when the results are good as they were this year.

On December 1st in the afternoon and evening members of the congregation were given an opportunity to see the new rectory, and a large number came to see the parish's great accomplishment of the year. In the Spring we hope to build the garage and put up the fence.

The Christmas services were well attended. We were glad of the help of our Bishop on Christmas Eve. Congratulations to the choirs for the presentation of the Christmas Cantata, "Behold the King," on the Sunday morning. We echo the sentiments of several choir members—"Why don't the people turn out every Sunday like that?" We hope you will answer that question. The Church was attractively decorated for the festive season under the direction of the Sanctuary Guild. It was indeed a Happy Christmas at St. Faith's. The rector and his wife thank the congregation for their generous gift.

Here are some announcements for January:

The preacher at the services on Sunday, January 7th, will be Canon J. H. Webster, of the Coppermine Mission. Canon and Mrs. Webster and family are returning north on January 9th.

Week of Prayer

Services for our district have been arranged as follows:

Monday, January 8th—St. Faith's.

Speaker, Rev. H. D. Stewart.

Tuesday, January 9th—Salvat ion Army.

Speaker, Rev. A. R. Schrag.

Wednesday, January 10th—Delton Baptist. Speaker, Adjutant Martin.

Thursday, January 11th—St. Andrew's. Speaker, Rev. H. Flanagan.

Friday, January 12th—Eastwood United. Speaker, Rev. L. M. Watts.

These are primarily services of prayer. We invite you to share in the Week of Prayer.

Broadcast

The morning service will be broadcast from St. Faith's on Sunday, January 14th. Here is an opportunity for all who are able to send out the Christian praise and worship to all who are unable to get to Church.

Annual Meeting

The annual congregational meeting will be held in the Parish Hall on Monday, January 22nd at 8:00 p.m.

Happy New Year to you all.



ST. STEPHEN'S

CANON J. C. MATTHEWS

Sunday Services

Holy Communion, 8 a.m.; Sung Eucharist, 11 a.m.; Evensong, 7:30 p.m.; Sunday School, 12:15 p.m.

Weekday Services

Holy Communion on Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, Saturday, at 8 a.m.

The Rector is always willing to arrange convenient times for Weddings, Baptisms, Holy Communion for the sick, Confessions, etc.

Mr. T. J. Jones is the envelope secretary and he will be glad to attend to any one who wishes to become an envelope subscriber.

The Vestry met as usual on the second Monday in December. One of the matters discussed was the magazine and the Vestry agreed that the A.Y.P.A. should look after the collection of subscriptions and the keeping of the list of names and addresses up-to-date.

The Willing Workers elected their officers for 1945 at their last meeting. Great regret was felt that Mrs. Pridmore was unable to remain as president, an office which she has held for several years with great tact and success.

The following were elected for 1945: President, Mrs. T. J. Jones; Honorary President, Mrs. Jackson; Secretary-Treasurer, Mrs. J. R. Watson; Dorcas Secretaries, Mrs. Welsh and Mrs. Miller; Social Convener, Mrs. Petherbridge.

Mr. Hatlen is assisting Mr. B. Young with choir and organ.

The experiment of having the Scouts act as janitors for the church and parish hall seems to be working out all right though I think the Scout Mistress is doing more than her share.

Awards have been made to some of our youngsters for collecting stamps at

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the morning service—Margaret and George Koyich, Donald and Charlie Farquharson, Melvine and Charlotte Wentworth and Carol Horton.

Holy Baptism

Kenneth James Watson on December 3rd. David Kenneth Williams on December 10th.

The date of the Annual Parishioners Meeting has been set for January 16th.



ST. MATTHEW'S MISSION

CANON J. C. MATTHEWS

First, Third and Fifth Sundays—Morning Prayer at 11 a.m.

Second and Fourth Sundays—Sung Eucharist at 9:15 a.m.

Sunday School each Sunday at 11 a.m.

Mr. H. G. Dodd at 9315 Cameron Ave. is Lay Reader.

Mr. T. Whiting at 10070 94th St. is acting Church Warden.

The Annual W.A. Meeting will be held at the home of the President, Mrs. Cliff, on Thursday, January 4th, and the Annual Parishioners Meeting in the Parish Hall on Thursday, January 11th.

A Cover for the Font has been presented to the church by Mrs. Ira Shaw in memory of her husband who has been killed overseas.

The Riverdale Guides and Brownies have been granted permission to hold their meetings once a week in the parish hall at a nominal charge.

I think that few people realize the immense contribution which is made to such organizations as these by the almost free use of our church buildings which, after all, have been provided by church people for church purposes. I am reminded of the old country story of the man who always gave a crossing sweeper a penny. When one day he omitted to do so the crossing sweeper ran after him and said: "You have not given me my penny."

St. Matthew's Church School

We hope to have our Christmas entertainment on Friday, December 29th, in the Riverdale School.

Instead of having the usual concert of songs and recitations, we have decided

to have moving pictures. The Visual Instruction Department of the University of Alberta will make this possible and expenses will be paid from admission fees during the evening of the entertainment.

We are pleased to report that services have been well attended during the month and all the organizations have been busy in their usual work at Christmastime for the promotion of good-will amongst the community.

The members of the W.A. have kindly made and presented our Lay Reader with a new surplice. He tells me it is the best surplice he ever wore.

The W.A. certainly very readily come forward on all occasions of need; paint for exterior and interior of church, new sidewalk and now they are about to provide new linoleum for the aisle.

Our Carol Service on Christmas Eve morning was a great success. There was a good sprinkling of adults and the members of the Sunday School attended, while the choir sang special numbers and the congregation joined in the ancient carols which we are never tired of singing at this season.



ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS

The Sunday Service is on the First and Third Sundays at 9:15 a.m. Sunday School each Sunday at 11 a.m. The Sunday School membership has become too large for the parish hall and so the scholars meet in the church.

We have some new steps at the back of the parish hall made by the Barrigan Woodwares on the Fort Trail.



ST. LUKE'S

CANON W. H. HATFIELD

December is a month of activity in every home, a happy and inspiring activity—preparations for the Holy Festival—gifts to be finished and wrapped—greeting cards to be sent to old friends and new—busy hours for all, and yet there is always time for the work of goodwill expressed through the channels of the Church.

In recent years Advent Sunday has been marked by the Manger Service. In the morning, children of the Sunday School

bring their gifts for needy kiddies in other communities. The manger is placed in the sanctuary, guarded by four little angels—"Two angels at my bed, two angels near my head"—a truly blessed sight and one that lives long in the memory of all privileged to take part. In the evening the empty manger is again filled to overflowing with gifts of Christmas cheer for two families in the country upon whom the finger of adversity has been heavily laid. At both services the Junior Choir sang very sweetly a chorus "Inasmuch." From these services and the wholehearted support given to them, it is apparent that the congregation know the joy of giving. Truly it is "more blessed to give than to receive."

The Church was well filled with worshippers at the Midnight Service on Christmas Eve. There is much beauty in the old hymns and carols and these were heartily sung by the choir and congregation. The Christmas message always brings fresh inspiration as we continue to pray for the fulfilment of the angel's message "Peace on Earth." Several members of the Forces on Christmas leave were welcomed home, as were one or two who have recently received their discharge after service overseas. Holly sent by the Shearing and Faulks families, now residents of Victoria, B.C., was used effectively throughout the Church.

Again we have said "Goodbye and God-speed" to a faithful worker, Miss Estelle Coles, who has taught in the Primary Sunday School for a number of years. Miss Coles was married to Mr. Jack Brown, a former member of St. Faith's Parish and later of Christ Church, Edmonton, at St. Bartholomew's Church, New York City, on Boxing Day, and the prayers and good wishes of the congregation are with her in her new life.

The recently inaugurated Restoration Fund is steadily climbing. A congregational Sale of Work in mid-December increased the total acceptably and at the same time gave a wonderful opportunity for fellowship and co-operation. It is hoped that another sale will be arranged in the Spring.

St. Luke's congregation takes this means of wishing all members of the Christian Fellowship "A Happy New Year."

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Editorial

First, A Happy New Year to all our readers.

With the New Year comes this new magazine, *The Edmonton Churchman*. If we had any skill as a cartoonist we would draw a picture of an old man, complete with beard, and with a label attached *Church Messenger, 1944*, smiling in benediction on a new and vigorous babe labelled "*Edmonton Churchman, 1945*," who is gently but firmly pushing him out of the door. We hope that a double portion of the spirit of the *Messenger* will fall upon the "*Churchman*," as the mantle of Elijah fell on Elisha, and that this new venture in Edmonton Diocesan publicity will accomplish much greater things in the interests of the Church of England in this Diocese.

The aim of *The Edmonton Churchman* is to enter every Anglican home in the Diocese, bringing news of local, diocesan, dominion, and world-wide importance and significance. It is our hope that Church of England people will be kept well-informed on all matters which concern them and their Church.

We hope that the magazine will prove of great value in the life and work of each parish, and that it will be looked upon as a Parish Magazine as well as Diocesan. In particular, we are thinking of those of our people who, for one reason or another, are not regular Churchgoers, and who, as a result, know very little of what the Church is doing in the Diocese, or even in their own Parish. We believe that the reading of this magazine month by month will stimulate many to seek the ministrations of their Church more often, and also make them want to play a more active part in the work of their own parish.

Subscriptions to *The Edmonton Churchman* cost the sum of 25c per year. Most similar magazines cost four times this amount. This small subscription rate was decided upon for one reason only, namely, to ensure the largest possible number of readers. We want the magazine to go to every Anglican family in the Diocese. An envelope is being provided with this issue for your subscription. **Will you please remit through your own Parish Church, Vestry, or Church organization.** Your own Church Vestry has undertaken to be responsible for your subscription. Any additional donations, however small, towards the cost of printing and improving *The Edmonton Churchman* will be welcomed. We would also welcome any helpful criticisms and suggestions from our readers.

THE NEW YEAR

1945 promises to be a most eventful year in the history of our world. Those in authority all seem to predict the end of the war with Germany, at least, sometime this year. On the other side of the globe the war against Japan should be reaching a more decisive stage. Already the ugly pattern of civil strife is taking shape in liberated countries. The earlier dreams and hopes for our post-war new world order are fading before the stark reality of the present unrest and disillusionment. It is becoming increasingly apparent that the quality of the national life in any country can be no better than the character of the people who compose that country.

We believe that this is also a decisive period in the history of the Christian Church. People are asking, "To whom shall we go?" Can we so present the Lord Jesus Christ and His Way of Life that men will find in Him the answer to their quest?

DATE OF PUBLICATION

It has been decided that the publication date of "THE EDMONTON CHURCHMAN" shall be the 15th of the month, instead of the first week of each month. This will change the date when copy for the magazine is due, and we would ask all correspondents to send in parish news not later than the 5th of each month, so that it will be in time for the next issue.

Correspondents would assist the publishers greatly if they would write on one side of the paper only, leaving a good margin for any necessary re-arrangement.

Typed copy (double-spaced) would be particularly appreciated.

The Bishop's Message

My dear People:

From time to time there comes to all of us, I suppose, the idea of making a fresh start along certain lines. In fact the making of New Year's resolutions has become a habit with some people. Be that as it may, at any time and in any circumstances the resolution to bring God more into our daily lives is a key to happiness. I, therefore, wish you a happier New Year.

The mention of making a fresh start leads me to say something about this new adventure of ours in "public relations." It is, on our part, an attempt to bring into play one of the most powerful instruments known to man for spreading the "good news" with which we are put in trust. There are many such instruments to hand for this purpose—the newspaper, radio, photography and the moving picture. But the Church has not yet fully mastered the ability to use them for her purpose. The task of keeping the Church in the consciousness of modern secular life involves the use of all these instruments. *The Edmonton Churchman* is simply a sincere attempt to use the printed word in the service of the Church.

Behind this venture is the idea that there is a dearth of authentic information about what the Church is doing and thinking. Moreover, many people are confused and uncertain about what the Church teaches or believes. It is our hope that as the months pass *The Edmonton Churchman* will make a contribution towards correcting this situation.

For example, it is quite certain that many people are unaware of the part the Church has played in the field of social progress. The conscience of the State has been sharply awakened in recent years to its social responsibility. But it is pertinent to observe that hundreds of years before the state had any social conscience the Church was giving the lead and doing this work as part of its obvious duty. Critics of the Church often ask, "What is the Church doing in the matter of social justice?" And this question often implies the answer, "Nothing."

Yet a list of what the Church has done and is doing would leave her critics gasping with astonishment. It is difficult even to think of one single thing which has been done for the social and moral uplift of humanity which was not originated by Christians. You can test the truth of this as searchingly as you please, only to be more and more convinced that all movements for social and humanitarian progress have come from the Church and the members of the Church—education, poor relief, hospitals, orphanages, the emancipation of the slaves, laws against child labour, the reform of prisons, etc. These are but a few of the many things which were initiated and carried through by member of the Church.

It is wholesome, fair and wise for the Church to give authentic information for the encouragement of her people and to meet the criticism of the uninformed. We shall seek to secure a true understanding of the Church and its message. "There is a difference between blowing the silver trumpet of good news and the brass horn of self-exaltation." Let us try to be proficient in the former of these two instruments, to the Glory of God.

Yours in Christ,

WALTER EDMONTON

Is Divorce the Proper Answer to The Problem of Unsuccessful And Unhappy Marriages?

The Church is sometimes criticized for its attitude against divorce. In view of the tragedy that often lies in broken homes, of the injustice and cruelty which some husbands and wives are compelled to live, is there not some point in asking whether we do not need a new conscience about divorce?

I should say we need, rather, a new conscience about marriage. There is the place to begin. How do some people go into marriage? With some it is a matter of calculation; the motive behind it is money, position, convenience, security, and the like. With others there is no calculation at all; it is based on a sentimental or physical attraction. In such cases, the rift is almost certain to be there in the beginning. Where there is no unity of purpose, of ideals, of conscience, there can be no true unity.

And that unity is the ideal of marriage stated by Christ: "They twain shall be one flesh." Such a unity cannot be achieved by "going through" a ceremony. The foundation for it must be already there. And on that will be built the structure of harmonious lives. So that true unity in marriage is the end result of life together through the years.

But it is not an easy thing. The first flush of romance will wear off in the best of unions, and in its place are likely to come monotony, weariness, and even doubt. For we are not always at our best. That is where loyalty enters in. Our Lord insists on loyalty as the indispensable factor in Christian marriage. "For this cause shall a man leave father and mother and cleave unto his wife." If we are loyal to parents, in spite of their difficult ways and failures, even so must we be loyal to husband or wife. It is a loyalty which approximates to that of God Himself to us His children. He doesn't give us up as soon as we lose our attractiveness or prove unfaithful. Rather He loves us because we have great possibilities. The things we do deny the vision He has once seen; yet He still remains loyal to what we might be or might have been. This is the measure rod of our loyalty to husband or wife. It is tragic indeed when one must live for years holding fast to a gleam from the past that never

seems to shine in the companion of today. But that is the loyalty required of Christian love.

Nevertheless, isn't divorce sometimes justified? Jesus says Moses allowed it "for the hardness of your hearts"—that is, because you weren't big enough for the ideal. But marriage was intended to be permanent. Sometimes human wisdom may indicate divorce as advisable; yet divorce comes of sin, for the need of divorce can only arise where evil has made marriage a failure.

All this is for Christians. The Church cannot legislate for those who do not share the Christian conscience and faith. For that reason, it may be expedient to allow divorce for the "hardness" of men's hearts. But to the Christian, divorce is usually an easy way out of a hard situation. The Christian answer to marital difficulties is that of faith, repentance, and the indwelling of Christ.

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Prohibition Is No Cure For The Ailment That Torments Those Who Abuse Alcoholic Drink

It is very natural that in war time particularly, a number of people should be concerned with the liquor problem, and the effects of the abuse of alcohol on human character.

It is not surprising that prohibition societies, and the more moderate temperance organizations should become more vociferous as the problem increases.

In facing the problem Christians can agree on quite a number of points. All would regard intemperance as a sin, and intemperance in the matter of over indulgent drinking is more harmful because it dulls a man's will-power and leads him to behaviour which is sinful in a number of different directions. It can lead to a number of accidents involving death or permanent injury, and is a noticeable factor in the break-up of many a home.

On these points we are all agreed. Our differences arise when we begin discussing courses of action.

Many of us cannot agree with the prohibitionist. We see him as one who seeks to compel his fellow man to behave in a certain way. We would like to remind the prohibitionist that this is contrary to human nature, contrary to what we believe was the teaching of Christ, and that in the past this policy has proved ineffective.

With the temperance advocate we can agree wholeheartedly so long as he is aggressive in his bid for temperance education. We are behind him in his desire to experiment with such matters as hours of sale. In general we would support our temperance friend in all attempts to keep temptation out of peoples' way.

But we would have to part company with him as well when he tried to carry us to the point of trying to coerce our fellow man.

There is only one way to deal with an intemperate man. That is to convince him that you have something better for him which will make life happier. This is the way Christ dealt with sinners.

It is the way Bill Wilson dealt with the problem in himself and later in others. Bill Wilson was a New York broker. Drink had ruined him and his business was almost gone. About 7 years ago he went to Akron, Ohio, on a business trip and his deal failed. This time, instead of drowning his sorrows in drink he telephoned a number of parsons until he found one who had an inveterate drunkard among his flock. He got from the Parson the man's address and went to see him. Together they decided to give up drink, and together they stayed till they had conquered the evil in them.

Today in many of the cities of the U.S.A. there are clubs known as Alcoholics Anonymous. The members of these clubs are old drunkards who have been converted, and the movement all began with Bill Wilson less than 10 years ago.

Rules of membership are simple but exacting. Any drunkard may become a member but he must agree to—

- (a) Forget himself in helping others.
- (b) Admit that he is powerless to manage his life any longer, and must rely on God to give him grace to conquer his awful habit.
- (c) Make restitution as far as possible to those whom he has harmed.

One of the most famous of Christ's parables speaks of a Samaritan who took the trouble to cross the road to the other side to see what was the matter with the man in the ditch, and having gone as far as that he stayed to help him.

Bill Wilson did that, and we feel he has shown us the way to tackle the drink problem. The greatest benefactor to the cause of temperance is not, we believe, the man who sits on committees legislating to deprive his fellow man of what he wants, but the man who will help his neighbour to want something better than what he has got, and one who will lead him to Christ Who alone can give him the required help to reform.

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Contributions To Churches Are Urged

As arrangements were being made for the funeral of Dr. Temple, those who would otherwise have sent flowers to the funeral were asked to send a donation for restoration of continental churches. The British churches are seeking to raise a million pounds for the project, in which Dr. Temple was greatly interested.

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ST. MARY'S

THE REV. A. ELLIOTT

W.A.

On December 7th we held a very successful Christmas tea and sale of work in the parish hall which was prettily decorated for the occasion. We wish to thank Mr. Fromont who so kindly helped with these decorations and also those who assisted in any way to make our tea such a success.

The Men's Club, on December 14th, entertained members of the congregation in the form of a social evening which was very much enjoyed by those present. The evening was spent in Community singing, motion pictures and vocal and instrumental music after which refreshments were served by the men.

Sunday School

St. Mary's Sunday School has had a very busy season so far. The attendance has been good and competition is keen. The average Sunday School attendance for November was 86.9 with a total of 208. First honors went to the senior boys

with a score of 96.5.

Attendance prizes were awarded to ten pupils. There were also three work book prizes given to those who had the best work for the season.

A.Y.P.A.

The A.Y.P.A. have had an interesting season and are proud to announce that one of their members, Gwen Reeves, won the Pierce-Goulding Trophy for Public Speaking at the Diocesan contest held at All Saints' Parish Hall on December 11th. Recent programmes have consisted of hospital visiting, a sleigh ride and a White Gift service held in conjunction with a Carol Service of the Junior Choir. The members of the Junior Choir were entertained by the A.Y.P.A. later in the evening.



CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST, GRAND CENTRE

We are again grateful to Bishop Barfoot, and the Rev. A. E. Godwin, who came to us on December 21st, and administered the Blessed Sacrament. All

who attended the services appreciated their beauty, and the addresses given by the clergy. We are all glad to welcome into full Communion with the Church, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. White, who were confirmed by the Bishop on this day.

We are very grateful to George Kuwata who came all the way from Vegreville to take his place again at the organ, and joined with us in the services.

The Bishop expressed appreciation of the work and devotion of our congregation, and has promised to come to us in July to Consecrate the Church and Cemetery and Vicarage grounds. We shall hope to make our Consecration day the biggest in our Church history, making sure to complete the Church building on the outside, plough and lay out the Cemetery, and fence in the grounds. We are also hoping to put a bell up in the belfry before July. It is hoped that every one who is interested at all in the Church, will contribute some work between now and July, in order to have everything in good shape before the July Consecration.

Enemy Failed To Destroy Altar

The Bishop of New Guinea revisits Gona, where the missionaries were killed and the buildings destroyed by the Japanese invaders.

"When I returned after five months I could not get my bearings, for there was no trace of anything, and the quick-growing tropical plants had sprung up everywhere. But suddenly I found the Station Cross, still with its scars and gashes and flowers growing up around it. And then I discovered the predella, the concrete platform with the steps which had borne the altar. I stood on it, and looking down what had been the length of the church, I saw a stump—all that was left of the font.

"The enemy had tried to destroy the works of God; but on the following morning at sunrise, and with a temporary altar of packing cases on the ruined predella, I celebrated the Holy Mysteries, and gave Communion to 350 natives. All the destruction had not crushed those people. It was a most joyous thing to minister to them."

Anglicans Ask Students To Teach

London—The Anglican Council of Church Training Colleges has issued a pamphlet here urging secondary school students to make teaching their profession. The pamphlet stresses the obligation laid upon the younger generation "to make good in education the vision of a new order for which others have died."

Officials stated that the Council's brochure was issued because of the serious teacher shortage and because the Church felt that the teaching profession should include more "convinced Christians."

Padre's Hour

The Padre's Hour is an informal discussion period arranged in the Army in which the Chaplain talks over religious, moral and political issues with the men in his unit. The Chaplains are enthusiastic about the arrangement. Here is one appraisal:

"The challenge to seek, and to help to find, a philosophy of life comes appropriately from the Chaplains. Their preaching, however, as they are painfully aware, is inadequate, for at least two reasons:

firstly, the language and ideas of religion have little meaning for the large body of men who have grown up without contact with the churches, and, secondly, in the pulpit the preacher can neither be asked questions nor answered back. The Padre's Hour supplies the needed complement. Here the Chaplain is facing the men on their own level, struggling with their problems, inviting their questions and criticisms, and speaking with a bluntness which the sermon, being part of a service of worship, scarcely allows.

"The effect on the men now accustomed to the Hour has been encouraging. Their essential decency and fairness has been brought out. After initial suspicion and the trotting out of the silliest objections to religion, they have dropped mere heckling and got down to the business of serious discussion. Many of them have come to see that, whatever the difficulties of the Christian Creed and however imperfect the churches and their members may be, Christianity is a meeting of very real problems which this age has done its best to overlook, the problems of usual and spiritual advancement that can alone prevent the collapse of civilization. As for the Chaplains themselves, they feel that the Padre's Hour has put them on their mettle, and brought them into a real fellowship with their men.

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THE WABAMUN MISSION

REV. F. A. PEAKE

The Priest-in-charge paid his monthly visit to the Mission during December 4th-7th.

On the Monday afternoon the Scouts met after school for a meeting in the hotel garage. Eddie Harrison, Joe Loyer, Demetrius Chomcij, and Bill Mykytiuk have now passed their Scout's Pace test and are well on the way to becoming Second Class Scouts. It is regrettable that as yet we have not been able to find a local leader.

In the evening M.S.C.C. slides depicting work in the Diocese of the Arctic were shewn at Seba to a large and appreciative audience. Holy Communion was celebrated on the following morning at the home of Miss Camp, Secretary of the Diocesan Sunday School by Post.

From there the priest in charge travelled to Tomahawk where a congregation had gathered in the Community Hall. Several were able to make their Communion and John Gary King was received into Christ's Church by baptism.



ST. JOHN'S, CADOMIN

REV. T. W. TEAPE

The regular monthly meeting of the W.A. for the month of November was held at Mrs. Chesney's. Plans for the bazaar were made at this meeting. On November 29th the W.A. held a meeting at Mrs. Johnson's for the purpose of pricing the goods for the bazaar.

The hour of prayer on St. Andrews' Day was attended by a number of W.A. members.

We held our bazaar December 2nd, and we believe it one of the best we have ever had. We were very fortunate in the fact that Mrs. Tackaberry, our Diocesan President, consented to come up and open it for us. This is the first time the Coal Branch W.A.s have had a visitor from the "outside." While on the Branch Mrs. Tackaberry was kept very busy as she visited both Luscar and Mountain Park and also addressed the St. John's W.A. at a tea, Monday afternoon, which was held at the home of Mrs. Rice. All are agreed that Mrs. Tackaberry's visit has provided us with a greater feeling of fellowship. Our sincere thanks are extended to her, and also to those ladies who so kindly assisted us on the day of the bazaar, and to all who helped by

way of donations, not forgetting Mr. Robinson of Tofield.

Two "fireside hours" have been held at the rectory in the past two months, and all those who were able to attend are quite keen to have these gatherings extended into the New Year.

Another distinguished visitor to the Coal Branch during the month of December was the Rev. H. G. Watts, Field Secretary of the M.S.C.C. On Saturday, December 9th Mr. Watts showed a colored movie of the work of the church in our own Canadian North, with a running commentary. All those who were present on this evening would have liked to have been able to see this picture again. During the service on Sunday evening Mr. Watts told us something of the work being done, by our Missionary Society, throughout the world, and after the service we saw a film showing the work the church is doing in the Belgian Congo.

We are very pleased to be able to report that the new rectory is completed and ready to be occupied. During the past two weeks the men of the congregation, who have been free to do so, have been painting the interior, and have now announced the job finished. We sincerely hope that Mr. and Mrs. Teape will be happy and comfortable in their new home.

Baptisms

William Alec Gnatovich, Luscar;
George Ronald Gnatovich, Luscar.



ST. MARY'S, JASPER

REV. T. C. B. BOON

Church attendance has shown some slight improvement in the past month partly due in the mornings to the presence of a number of the Sunday School children who are being encouraged by their teachers to attend the Services, but permitted to leave in the Hymn before the sermon.

The 17th of December was a particularly happy day. It began with a "White Gift" Service in the Church at 10 a.m. for the Senior Sunday School. All the children brought Christmas Gifts, beautifully wrapped up, and presented them. As a result a lovely box of Christmas presents was sent to Sister Isabel in Edmonton for distribution.

The Choral Communion Service at 11 o'clock was rather better attended than for sometime.

A Carol Service was held in the evening, when the Christmas Story was read from the Gospels and the Choir sang Carols in between the readings. A large congregation joined heartily in the singing of Christmas Hymns.

December was a month of great activity for the members of the W.A. On St. Andrew's Day (which is close enough to be included) there was a Celebration of Holy Communion at 10 a.m. which linked us with the other branches in the Pembina Deanery in the Day of Prayer. A special Day of Prayer Service was also held in the evening.

The Annual Sale of Work, held on December 6th, was an outstanding success, the stalls being absolutely cleared shortly after five o'clock, and the receipts were over \$200.00. In addition to meeting all its obligations, the W.A. has undertaken, with the consent of the Vestry, to enlarge the kitchen in the Parish Hall, which will add to its usefulness and convenience. Money has also been voted for the purchase of supplies for the Sunday School. The President, Mrs. Jackson, and members of the W.A. are to be congratulated on the success of their efforts.

The younger members of the W.A. have also been busy. An Admission Service was held in the Church on the afternoon of St. Andrews Day, at which pins and other awards were presented to the Juniors by the Vicar; the Juniors presented their mission offerings for the year at this Service. We were very proud of the excellent behaviour of the children in Church on this occasion.

On the evening of December 19th the Juniors presented a Christmas Entertainment in the Parish Hall to a packed house, which was enthusiastic in its applause. It took the form of a Radio Programme from Station J.B.W.A., and included a Two Act Play, "The Pot of Gold." It was a happy idea to conclude the programme with the singing of Carols led by the Juniors. Thanks and congratulations are due to Mrs. Geo. Skett, Superintendent, to Mrs. Frank Reed, Assistant, and to Mrs. J. R. Heckley who was the accompanist.

The Little Helpers Annual Party was held on the afternoon of November 24th in the Parish Hall. It was very well attended, and after a short service the Mite Boxes were presented. These amounted to \$7.40, an increase over last

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CLANDONALD AND LANDONVILLE

The Rev. A. E. W. Godwin, has been coming to this parish on the 2nd Sunday in each month, the last visit being on November 12th at 3 p.m., when ten parishioners made their communion. Mr. and Mrs. E. Etherington also presented their baby, Edwin Floyd, for Holy Baptism.

The W.A. branch at Landonville have had quite an active year. Having 16 members, with about half this number being active, they have made 8 quilts, 4 of these being donated to the Red Cross. They gave 15 pillow slips, made from bleached flour bags, to the Red Cross as well as a donation of \$20 in cash. The members wish to thank all who donated patches in answer to the appeal made last spring.

They have donated \$20 to the Overseas Parcel Fund as well as \$1 each to our own seven boys in uniform.

Five dollars was contributed toward a memorial for Mrs. Leversedge.

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ST. JOHN'S, KITSCOTY

Since the arrival of the Rev. A. E. W. Godwin, Travelling Priest, to hold services once a month, there has been a decided interest taken in all Church work. The Church life in Kitscoty has been dormant. We have had several travelling Missionaries but they were constantly being changed, and nothing of a permanent nature was built up. However, Mr. Godwin has been coming to us now for several months, and as before noted, a great deal of interest has

been noticed in the whole mission. The Sunday Mr. Godwin is here he has a very busy day, starting with morning service at Golden Valley, at 11 o'clock; evening service at Blackfoot, at 2:30; Islay at 4 o'clock and Kitscoty at 7:30. This is good mileage, but Mr. Godwin always turns up at Kitscoty on time and fresh for his final service of the day. On Monday morning, Holy Communion is celebrated at 8 a.m. On Tuesday afternoon after school we have a Children Service, which is something very new here, and interest is being shown by the children.

Before we could have a permanent Priest here, it will be necessary to have a larger rectory, so with this in view the wardens were given the power to sell the present rectory, which was done early in November. The proceeds were turned over to the Rectory Fund, and we trust that when men and materials are available we shall have a new rectory, and a new rector.

During the last few weeks members of the vestry have done some very useful work in the basement of the Church in boarding up the walls. The basement is now in first class shape.

During the fall months the W.A. was really active again, with new members, and lots of enthusiasm. They held a bazaar on Saturday, December 2nd. They were disappointed in not being allowed to use the school for this purpose, so accepted the offer of the use of a member's home near the centre of the town. They were well patronized, however, and they cleared over \$100.00, much to the delight of the ladies (and wardens!)

On Thursday, December 7th, we had a visit from the Rev. H. G. Watts who gave two most interesting lectures on "What the Church is Doing." This proved a great success. The High School was allowed to go in the afternoon and 120 boys and girls were there. In the evening a large crowd of people were out and were very interested.

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CHRIST CHURCH, MANVILLE

THE REV. S. J. BELL

As this is the first issue of the new "Edmonton Churchman" we feel that we should report some of our activities, so that our scattered members may know that we are alive, and we think, active. We missed getting any news to the December Church Messenger so

we will go back as far as November. This was the month of Synod. We were represented at Synod Sessions by Mr. E. D. Wright, Manville, and Mr. H. Thomas, Chailey. Other elected delegates were unable to get away at that time.

A Young Peoples' Group, mostly the younger married members was formed in November and we have had a number of meetings. A concert is planned by this group sometime in the Spring. The members took an active part in planning for the Christmas Sunday School concert. Unfortunately a quarantine was put on all such gatherings owing to a few cases of scarlet fever. However, the children were not forgotten by Santa Claus. W.A. Activities

The W.A. held their annual sale of work and tea at the Manz Bakery, Saturday, December 2nd. As always this was very successful. The ladies were helped by a number of contributions from out of town members. The December meeting was held at the home of Mrs. Arnold where Mrs. J. B. Burch, president, was presented with a parting gift on leaving to reside in Edmonton. Mrs. Burch and her husband have long been faithful members of Christ Church. (Mr. Burch was one of the first congregation and vestry in Manville thirty-seven years ago.) At a later date Mr. and Mrs. Burch were presented with Prayer and Hymn Books by the congregation. They will now be in the parish of Holy Trinity.

The annual St. Andrew's Day service was held in the evening of November 30th. The Vicar conducted the service with the president, Mrs. Burch, the deanery president, Mrs. Rutherford, and members taking part. The January meeting will be held at the vicarage.

The memorial prayer desk and chair provided by the friends of Mrs. R. Johnston and Allan Johnston have now been placed in the Church. We hope to have them formally dedicated on the Bishop's next visit.

We have lost one of our oldest members in the passing to higher service, of Mr. Edward Manz. Mr. Manz had been confined to his home for quite some time, but in his active days took a genuine interest in all Church affairs, serving as vestryman and warden. We extend our sympathy to Mrs. Manz and family.

We were glad to see some of our young people home again at holiday time. These included Edith Jones, Annie Plishka, Merry Mercer, L.A.W.

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year. After the service the children joined in games, followed by an excellent tea, kindly provided by the W.A., at which a feature was the Birthday Cake, "six-year olds" blowing out the candles. All the arrangements for the Party were made by Mrs. Edenborough, the Little Helpers Secretary, and much praise is due to her for all the work she has done for the branch.

Baptism

On December 15th, Gordon Arthur Taylor.

Marriage

December 23rd, 1944, Herbert Russell Dickenson to Joyce Phyllis Popey.

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Peggy Slee, Sub Lieutenant John Pemberton. Other visitors were LAC. Jerry Fortin, LAC. Burns McDonald.

Mrs. Arthur Wright and family, residing in town, had a pleasant New Year greeting when further word was received from Mrs. Wright's husband taken prisoner at Hong Kong and now at Osaka, Japan. Mr. Wright reports that he is well.

Wedding—November 7th at the home of the bride. Pte Betty Winifred Berks Allen, C.W.A.C., daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Allen, R.R. 2 Irma, and Claude Andrew Ramsay, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Ramsay, R.R. 2 Irma.

Baptism—December 19th, John David Burch, son of Mr. and Mrs. D. J. Burch, Manville.

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ST. ALBAN'S, CHAILEY

THE REV. S. J. BELL

The Rev. H. G. Watts paid a visit to Chailey on December 5th and spoke at a meeting of the Ladies' Community Club. This talk was much enjoyed. The ladies at their previous meeting had voted the sum of \$15.00 to the M.S.C.C. We were pleased to have a number of the school children at this meeting with their teacher, Mrs. G. Ewers.

The Christmas service, December 24th, was well attended, with practically every communicant present. Home from the services were Fusilier Gerald Coulter, Irish Fusiliers, who has seen service in Jamaica; also Devon Coulter, R.C.A.F., from Toronto. LAC. Roland Hollyoake is home for New Year's, and Margaret Hollyoake, both from Manitoba.

Correspondent for the "Edmonton Churchman" at St. Alban's congregation is Miss Kathleen Sutton.

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ST. HELEN'S, STELLAVILLE

THE REV. S. J. BELL

St. Helen's congregation will greatly miss the Currey family, now moved to New Westminster. Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Currey were very faithful members and leaders in the church. Mr. Currey was for many years vicar's warden, and Mrs. Currey conducted the Sunday School. Mr. Currey's health compelled this move, but we know that the church in their new district will benefit from Mr. and Mrs. Currey and family's help.

Christmas service was held December 17th (Holy Communion) but only the faithful few were in attendance. We appreciate the sincere interest of those who

are always there. We have enough members and adherents in this district to more than fill the church. Some visit us on special occasions, others not at all. Some have generously helped with financial support, others don't even do that. This small church, with its beautiful memorial window, has for many years represented the Cause of Christ and our historic communion in this district. In it the younger people have been baptized, and in the cemetery some have been laid to rest. It deserves the interest and attention of more of our people.

Owing to road conditions at this time of year, and the small attendance, the wardens have asked that services be discontinued for January, February and March.

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WILBERFORCE

THE REV. S. J. BELL

Congregations at Wilberforce keep up fairly well. There was a good attendance at the Christmas service of Holy Communion on the 24th. Present on holiday was Sergeant Milburn, of the Provost Corps, Durdurn.

Wilberforce school is closed this year and the children are attending school in Minburn. There was therefore no school concert in the district. The W.A., however, under Mrs. Davies, president, provided for the pre-school children with entertainment and presents on Wednesday, December 20th.

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INNISFREE

THE REV. S. J. BELL

Innisfree congregation is small but makes up for this by its consistent activity. The W.A. had a very successful tea and sale December 2nd. A Vestry meeting was held December 27th, but the Vicar regretted being unable to be present.

Christmas celebration of the Holy Communion was at 9.45 a.m., December 24th. A carol service planned by Mrs. Sweatman was held in the evening. The W.A. January meeting was at the home of Mrs. Reeves.

We wish to thank the many people who were so very kind and generous to all at the vicarage at Christmastime. A Very Happy New Year!—S. J. BELL.

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ST. MARY'S, VEGREVILLE

THE REV. S. J. BELL

St. Mary's congregation was represented at part of the Synod sessions by Mr. J.

Rogers (vicar's warden) and Mr. D. Hughes.

A Vestry meeting was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Rogers, November 29th. This was a rather cold night, so there was not a full attendance. It was decided to hold one annual meeting after a church service on a Sunday afternoon in January so that we might have a more representative gathering than is generally the case.

The Rev. H. G. Watts showed the film on our Northern missions, Monday evening, December 4th. A number of other groups were meeting in town that evening which prevented some being present, yet there was a good attendance.

Christmas celebration of the Holy Communion was on December 17th at 11 a.m. There was a moderately good turnout; still there were people in town who might have got up and joined us that morning—and didn't.

Again we wish to thank those who were so generously kind at Christmas time.

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WAINWRIGHT

REV. L. A. BRALANT

With the first issue of this new magazine we welcome many new readers. It is our hope that they will find spiritual inspiration as well as parochial information month by month. With the dawn of 1945 we may well have fresh hopes of victory and peace. Our hopes may never be fully realized if they are not centred in Jesus Christ, the Prince of Peace, and man's Eternal Hope. There is a noticeable turning in some men's minds towards the Christian way, and it is the church's golden opportunity to act upon this and bring them into its fellowship.

There has been much activity at St. Thomas' around the Christian Festival. The M.S.L. Party was not very well attended despite all the preparations that were made. The measles epidemic accounted for some absentees. The Sunday School Party was held on December 28th and most of the children took part in the short entertainment. Christmas Communion was celebrated at all points on Christmas Eve, and the spirit throughout was wonderful. The Carol Service in Wainwright was better attended this year and the music was well rendered. We thank Mr. Adams for his beautiful playing of Gounod's "Naz-

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areth" on the violin. Our thanks also to Mrs. Greer for faithful service at the organ all through the year. The Christmas morning service was well attended and the communicants numbered more than previous years. We note with sorrow, however, some who neglected the receiving of the Sacrament of God's redeeming love.

We were sorry to say goodbye to Mrs. Anderson and family who are now living at Edson. Bobby was missed at the Sunday School Party, but we know that they will be happy in their new church.

Mrs. Darling is making good progress, and we hope she will soon be around again in Irma. Mrs. Targett is giving invaluable help at the organ.

A thought for the month: "So shall they hear the name of the Lord from the west, and His glory from the rising of the sun. When the enemy shall come in like a flood, the Spirit of the Lord shall lift up a standard against him." Isaiah 59:19.



HOLY TRINITY, TOFIELD

The Senior W.A. met on November 28th at the home of Mrs. Barden a week earlier than usual as it was necessary to price the bazaar articles which were varied and numerous. There were seven members and one visitor present. After the devotionals and usual routine business, final arrangements were made for the bazaar held on December 2nd in the Curling Rink. The day proved fine and a good business was the result at the home-cooking, sewing and children's tables. The kitchen helpers and waitresses were kept busy all the time catering to those who came in for tea. The local Red Cross committee sponsored an auction sale outside the rink on the same day which proved helpful to the W.A. as well as the Red Cross. The bazaar was a complete success and we were grateful to those who contributed so generously from out of town.

Services

The Ven. S. F. Tackaberry came to us for the celebration of Holy Communion on the morning of December 10th and the Rev. A. E. Godwin for the Christmas Eve service and Holy Communion. Both these services were appreciated.

The Sunday School scholars had their Christmas Tree Party in the church hall on Saturday afternoon, December 16th. Singing, games, lunch and presentation of gifts followed in order. A happy time was

enjoyed by all.

We are pleased to report Mr. Porter is getting along nicely at the Royal Alexandra Hospital and anticipates returning home soon.



ST. MATTHEW'S, VIKING

On Sunday, November 26th, the Rev. A. Godwin held the Communion Service in our church.

We appreciate the efforts of our travelling priest to come so far to give us service. It certainly would be gratifying to the town members to see more of our country friends in to the services.

The weather has been ideal so we cannot excuse ourselves on that account.

We are always pleased to have the Ven. Archdeacon Tackaberry with us, and we say "thank you" and to Mr. and Mrs. Robinson of Tofield who came with the Archdeacon. We invite them again.

At the November meeting of the W.A. the sum of ten dollars was donated to the expense of the radio broadcasts.

The ladies feel that these services are a great source of comfort and helpfulness to many, who for various reasons, cannot attend any divine worship.

We regret the passing of Mr. N. C. Graham, and our sympathy and prayers are for his widow, Mrs. Graham, and for Mrs. Gillespie and family.

The Archdeacon conducted the funeral services for the late Mr. Graham.

The W.A. held their December meeting on the 14th with nine members present.

This is the smallest number present at any one meeting during the year. They feel that their work has brought good results and are looking forward to greater efforts next year.

The election of officers for 1945 will take place at the January meeting. We would appreciate a good turn out, each one ready to further God's work in some small way. Our world needs men and women to dedicate their lives anew to the service of God.

The members decided to ask Mr. R. Clark to obtain an estimate of the cost to repair the hall floor and to make preparations to have the work done if possible.

Mrs. J. Barber is still in the hospital but is improving.

We are pleased to hear that Mr. Meredith is much better.

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IMMANUEL, WETASKIWIN

REV. W. T. ELKIN

Christmas Services here included Holy Communion at eleven on Sunday, December 24th, a nine o'clock Communion on Christmas Day and on December 31st there will be a Carol Service at eleven. This carol singing on the last Sunday of the year has proved very popular and no doubt will meet with just as much approval this year.

The A.Y.P.A. are going forward with much enthusiasm. On December 10th they attended a nine o'clock celebration, afterwards gathering at the rectory for breakfast. At eleven they attended church where the officers were installed. On December 15th they entertained their friends at a Christmas party in the parish hall where the decorations included a tree which helped to give the party a real Christmas atmosphere. About thirty-five were present and the evening was spent in playing games, the singing of carols, and later, dancing. Small prizes added to the fun.

The Women's Auxiliary has concluded a successful year with their bazaar on December 2nd when they realized about two hundred dollars. The Evening Group had an attractive table where they made nearly forty dollars. They have donated a sum to be used for repairs at the parish hall. The W.A. have voted one hundred dollars to this fund too. They have also made donations to the support of a Diocesan Worker and to the fund for founding Elizabeth House. Men in the Services were remembered this Christmas with cigarettes, a gift from the congregation.



ST. MARY'S, PONOKA

REV. W. T. ELKIN

On St. Andrew's Day the W.A. held a service of intercession in the afternoon, followed in the evening by the weekly service of Litany and Intercession for the Armed Forces.

On Sunday, December 3rd, our guest speaker at the morning service was the Rev. H. G. Watts, of the M.S.C.C. In addition to speaking at this service, Mr. Watts also showed moving pictures of work in the Mission Fields of the far north. The Sunday School lessons were dispensed with and the children stayed until the end of the service.

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On Saturday, December 2nd, the W.A. held their annual bazaar. This was very successful. The fancy work, home-cooking and tea brought in a goodly return. The ladies wish to thank the parishioners and friends for their contributions and help.

On Tuesday, December 5th the funeral of Mr. Fank Casey was held from St. Mary's Church. The many floral tributes and the large attendance shows the esteem in which he was held.

The December meeting of the W.A. was held on December 5th in the parish hall with Mrs. Paterson and Mrs. Northcott as hostesses. Ten dollars was voted to the Sunday School for Christmas treats. The bazaar and tea report was given and compared with that of last year—only a few cents difference in the returns.

Mrs. W. Young, convenor of the Sanctuary Guild, reported that the purple drapes for the choir stalls had been made and hung. The drapes were a gift from Mrs. Wills of Smithers, B.C. as a memorial to her husband.

The annual meeting was held the same day. The list of officers will be announced later.

The vestry recommended that the Diocesan magazine be called "The Edmonton Diocesan Churchman" instead of "The Edmonton Churchman."

Most of the members of the W.A. attended their Corporate Communion held on December 17th.

The parish hall was crowded on Tuesday, December 19th for our Sunday School Christmas Tree and programme. The parts were well taken by the children. Many thanks to Mrs. Schurman and Miss Hardacre for training the children and to Mr. Young for the musical accompaniment.

Santa Claus, after giving out the gifts, presented George Gordon with a prize from Mrs. Perrin. The prize was a picture of Christ in the Temple and was given for the best scrap book made in the class.

Christmas Eve the church looked Christmasy with the boughs of spruce on the windows and along the choir stall. We listened again to the Christmas Story and joined in singing the carols. Our lay reader, Mr. G. Baker, assisted in this service.

CAMROSE

REV. A. WALLIS

W.A.

On Tuesday, 5th December, we had a very interesting meeting. It was nice to have the Groups with us, and our President very graciously thanked them for their financial support. After the business was finished, we went into the Church to take part in a service which gave us much joy—Miss Jessie Roper was given a Life Membership, "a gift from the W.A. for loyal devotion to Church and W.A. over many years."

We all feel that Jessie is the one who should carry this honor, and offer her our best wishes.

"Do this in remembrance of Me . . ." We had our Corporate Communion on St. Andrews' Day at 10 a.m.

In the afternoon, those who were interested, were privileged to share in a very lovely little service, when eight small girls were received into the membership of the Junior W.A. The Rector conducted the service and talked to the girls, and our W.A. President, Mrs. Bradley, presented the Enrolment Cards.

They are: Shirley Bradley, Kathleen Brown, Florence Chesterman, Georgina Gleave, Barbara Howarth, Joy Mattock, Barbara Vail and Margaret Murrell-Wright.

We are glad that Marilyn Stewart is well again.

A.Y.P.A.

On Tuesday, 12th December, some of the members met in the rectory and decided to get busy once again. They talked over future plans, and had an election of officers resulting as follows: President, Kenneth Campbell; Vice-President, Joan Stewart; Secretary, Peter Gorovich; Treasurer, Walter McNary.

Sunday, 17th December

Today was our White Gift Sunday. We took the children into the Church, and the Tree was just outside the Altar rail. One loves to believe that the Friend of all children accepts their gifts, and in return, gives them His blessing.

Our Sunday School Christmas Tree and Concert was just as it should be. Little plays, Carols, proud and anxious teachers, busy little people wandering round excitedly getting in the way, asking innumerable questions, altogether lovable, and creating all unconsciously the real spirit of Christmas. Heaps of parents and friends came; we very were pleased to have them, too.

To those who worked hard before the Party making things easier for the rest of us, thank you ever so much; to Rector, Santa, Superintendent and teachers—"Thank you."

The J.W.A. had a Party, too, at the home of their leader. As one who was privileged to go, I can say we had a happy, jolly time. We played games, had gifts from the Tree, sang songs and Carols, a little noisily 'tis true, but joyously, finishing up with the little song of Friendship. Girls get closer to the leader and to each other in such moments.

Sunday, 24th December

People from near and far, and from all Churches came to Church for this Carol Service; it filled the heart with gladness and the soul with reverent Hope—a Hope that ultimately all differences of lesser importance will fade away before the one thing that matters—the Fact that Christ our Lord, beloved of His Father, came as a little Child to be the Saviour of everyday men and women.

"O come, let us adore Him . . ."

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An Intercessory service with the Celebration of Holy Communion was held on St. Andrews' Day for W.A. members, and this extra effort of the Rector was much appreciated.

The W.A. sale of work, December 8th, was a grand success. The articles were auctioned off by Mr. J. B. Hayfield in a most efficient manner and with gratifying results, over ninety dollars being realized from these and the sale of refreshments. The President, at a subsequent meeting expressed her thanks to all those, both members and friends, for their generous contributions to the sale, and to Mr. Hayfield for his well executed part.

The annual meeting of the W.A. was held at the home of Mrs. E. R. Ochsner. The reports were very satisfactory. That of the Secretary-Treasurer showed that all obligations had been met and that there was an unusually large bank balance; and the Dorcas Secretary, Mrs. Hayfield, was especially commended for her excellent work.

The Rev. A. Wallis presided during the election of officers, which resulted in the re-election of the entire slate.

The Christmas service was held December 24th with a Choral Celebration of Holy Communion.

Families are Made Secure

By KATHLEEN JACKSON

"A home endures not by the strength of its walls, but by the quality of the life within."

In a fast moving mechanical age, under the pressure of total war, we are apt to think of most things in terms of quantity first. That same pressure has taught us, however, that quality is the thing that counts in the long run. A dud cartridge, a flawed aeroplane part, or a person who breaks down in a crisis, can ruin the most carefully conceived plans.

Each of us has had a family, and has been substantially made or marred by our experiences in the family group. The reasons for this vary with the individuals concerned for no two families are alike, but the explanation for this can be found in the words with which we began, "The quality of the life within."

Quality in family life means really the degree of skill shown in living together in a mutually happy and helpful relationship, spiritually, mentally and physically. Like individuals, families do not exist in a vacuum, and they cannot achieve the best results by themselves.

The larger issues of social security cannot be ignored, because we have no right to expect people to live the good life

in dirty, inadequate houses, without clothing, medical care, educational facilities, and the jobs to provide a living wage. "Wayfaring men" have need of all these things, and quite rightly question religious teaching so concentrated on the next world, that it fails to correct injustice in this world.

What is happening to our families in these days of economic, emotional and spiritual insecurity? Many of them are confused and bewildered. They have the deepest distrust of the future from an economic standpoint. Government promises mean little to them, and their attitude is pretty much, "I'll believe it when I see it."

Emotionally many of them are at sea. Clergymen and social workers probably hear more of the inside story than most people in situations where this is the predominating problem. Strained marriage ties are the ones most often talked about, but parent-child relationships are equally likely to tangle. The successful handling of both of these groups is vital to the success of future families as yet unestablished. It would be hard to say which of these is more important to a child, the relationship between his parents, or that between his parents and himself, but that both are vital is undeniable. Three generations of broken homes are not unknown in the files of the social agencies, and statistics show very clearly that this kind of home is a major factor in juvenile delinquency. Good or bad, there is no doubt that the pattern of family living repeats itself.

Spiritually what is the situation? Even to the lay observer it is apparent that many people are bewildered and confused. Old ideas, many of them out of date, inadequately taught, and only half-understood, have failed them under pressure. Many people are neither cheerful pagans nor contented Christians, and wander in a no-man's land where

they are most unhappy. The pagans, some of them, are ill at ease too, and the result is that as a people we are a prey to "isms." The tremendous increase in the popularity of spiritualism that has taken place in England is an example of this.

In one way or another all these problems play their part in the upheavals of family life. No matter what developments take place socially, the Church holds the answer—when men understand their rightful relationship with each other in the Christian fellowship, they will demand a decent way of life for all, and at the same time be helping build the kind of people who will use that way of life in its fullest sense. The two things are inseparable, and must go together.

That sounds Utopian but we can begin to achieve it by building each of our families into the larger family of the Church, bringing them in as they are, not as we think they ought to be. That involves wide sympathy and tolerance for ideas that are not ours, or which we do not understand until we have had the chance to know them better. Above all that calls for a fundamental respect for human personality, whether it is found in convict or Christian. Then can we honestly say "Thy Kingdom come."

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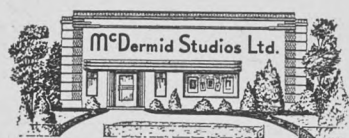
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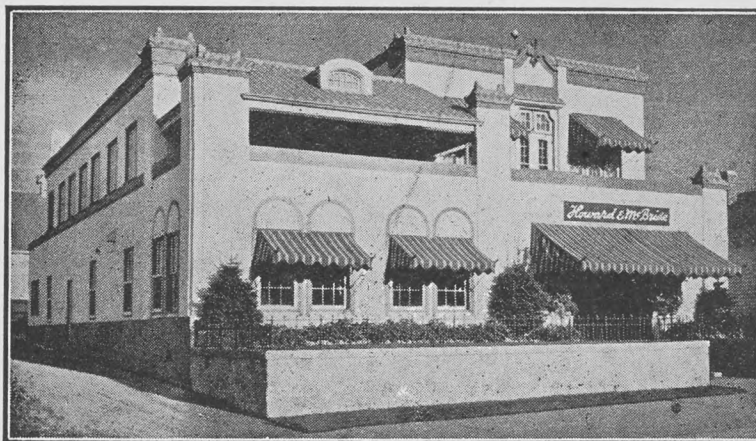
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